



Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2026

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.15am: Service with James Hern leading and Cristi Vidican preaching.
(Cristi used to be the Pastor of our sister church in Hidisel)
Romans 12:1-3

Refreshments: Mary Osho and Giovana Raimundo

Prayer Team: John and Julie Russell

12.30pm Church Bring and Share Lunch

6.30pm: Sunday Evening Prayer Hour

Everyone is welcome to join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87827308029?pwd=Vi9wTldoejV0bjNwd2xnc3pwK3NyUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 2730 8029

Passcode: 503411

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

10.15am: Service with Grace Hope leading and Pastor Danny preaching including
All-Age Communion
Philippians 3:12-4:1 - The Gospel gives us a future

Refreshments: James & Linda Hern

Prayer Team: Ann Royston and Jane van Es

6.30pm: Informal Service of Worship and Praise

PRAYER MEETINGS

FRIDAY MORNING

Please join us for the Friday morning prayer meeting in the lounge from 9.00-9.30am when we will be praying for activities in the church during the coming week.

THURSDAY EVENING

The next meeting will take place on 24th September at 7.30pm. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the ministry of WBC.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

There is nothing wrong with being grateful for the past.

We should remember what God has done, honour those who came before us, and give thanks for seasons of real fruitfulness.

But memory can quietly become identity.

And once that happens, we may stop asking what God is doing now because we are too busy protecting who we once were.

Paul says, "forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead."

He is not despising the past. He is refusing to be imprisoned by it.

- What part of our past have we become afraid to outgrow?
- Have we become more loyal to what God did in the past than to what He may be doing now?
- When does gratitude for the past become resistance to the future?

Gratitude remembers what God has done without demanding that He do it the same way again.

Faithfulness receives the past as a gift, not as a blueprint.

Paul presses on because Christ has taken hold of him and that means the future is not something to fear, but something into which grace is already calling us.

The danger is not remembering the past. It is expecting the future to look like it.

Philippians 3:12-14

Pastor Danny

GENERAL NOTICES

SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS

The new rota for signing up to do refreshments after Sunday Services can be found on the table in the foyer. Please add your name if you are able to help out.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Food stocks are very low in the Foodbank cabin. Products that we are in desperate need of this week include:

Pasta Sauces	Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Potatoes	Vegetable Soup
Tinned Fruit/Any desserts	

For those of you who would prefer to make a monetary gift, the Food Bank has an online stewardship page –

<https://www.give.net/20181094>.

ADVANCE NOTICES

The next **Bring and Share lunch** is happening today (13th) with Pastor Cristi Vidican and his wife, Oana who are visiting from Romania.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

This coming week there will be a mission in Reading, hosted by Destined to Win (D2W), Mission24 and local churches.

From Wednesday to Friday Christians will be ministering on the streets and sharing the Gospel during the day. In the evenings there will be evangelistic meetings at Lifespring Church. Then there will be an all day conference on Saturday 19th

For more details, follow [this link](#)

PRAYER FOR WOODLEY

If you have a heart for Woodley why not join other Christians who will be gathering to pray. We shall meet on Saturday 19th September at Christ Church, Crockhamwell Road from 9am to 10am. All welcome.

BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP

The Bible Journaling Group will be meeting on Monday 21st September from 7.30-9pm in the lounge. All are welcome to join us.

CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting will be on September 22nd. Papers have been circulate or made available in your pigeon-holes.

The ACM gives us the opportunity to look back over the last 12 months and to hear from Danny about his vision for the months ahead. We will also be asking members to agree to authorise the Baptist Union Corporation to sign an agreement with LCP on the church's behalf (LCP own and administer the piazza complex). This is a legal matter which will be explained more at the meeting.

PRAYER WALK

By God's grace we will be meeting again on Saturday 26th September, 9.30-10.30am at the front of the Church for our Prayer Walk around the roads near the church. For those who will be able to join, please put this in your diary. If you would like to find out more, please speak to

Mary Osho.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The 'Morning Coffee' team will be hosting their annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care on Wednesday October 7th 10am to 12 noon.

After the service on Sunday October 4th there will also be cakes and an opportunity to donate to this worthy cause.

Cameo members will have their own Coffee Morning on Tuesday October 6th. If anyone would like to donate cakes or savoury items, please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer.

PRAYER

Please pray for the war in the Middle East and the ongoing situation in Ukraine and Syria.

Please pray for our elderly folk in care homes, **Audrey Goulding** and **Jean Prince**.

Please pray Anne Ballard and family, Anne Duffin, John & Julie Russell, Lynne Gibson, Jean James, Peggy Reynolds, Margaret Stamp, Val & Brian Lee and family, Jonathan Edwards, Peter Kerr and Mandy & Allan Dodd.



INTRODUCING CRISTI AND OANA VIDICAN

We extend a warm welcome this Sunday to Cristi and Oana Vidican. Some of you will have met Cristi and Oana on their previous visits, but for the sake of those who have not yet met them, let me introduce them.

Our church has been in partnership with our sister church in Hidiselu de Sus, Romania since 1992. There have been several pastors since then – two of whom have visited us at Woodley Baptist Church.

In 2005 the church was without a Pastor and Cristi was invited to come to the church as a youth worker. During this time the children and young people's work flourished and the church began to grow. In 2007 he married Oana and in 2009 he was ordained and inducted as Pastor of the church. Cristi has served the church there for 19 years. Oana led the Sunday school and a ladies' Bible study group during that time.



Cristi and Oana have two children, Luca, who is almost 18 and Sara, who is 12. In 2024 Cristi sensed God leading him to move and when he received a call from the Baptist church at Tulca, he accepted. It is the church where Cristi grew up. Tulca is a larger village, about an hour by car from Hidisel. The church also is considerably bigger.

Cristi still has a great heart for our sister church at Hidisel. He and Oana regularly pray for them and Cristi still preaches there once a month. He also helps when the Kindergarten has a celebration.

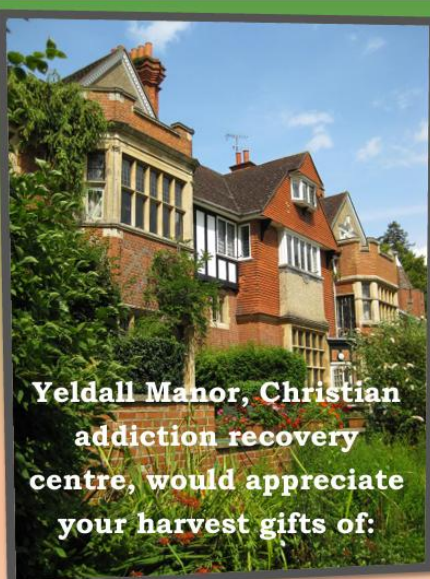


September 2026

- Pray for schools as they plan RE lessons this term and where REinspired-Woodley can support them.
- As school adopt the new Wokingham RE Syllabus pray for all the new lessons that will need to be created to respond to the need.
- Use the guide to pray for pupils and teachers

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/pray-for-students-and-teachers/>

Yeldall Harvest Appeal 2026



Cans of beans, peas (mushy/normal), tomatoes, passata, tinned tuna, cans of fruit

New plain single duvet covers, white fitted single sheets, 'housewife' pillowcases and quilted mattress protectors

Coat hangers (wooden or sturdy plastic), black biros, white soup bowls

Mayonnaise, ketchup, brown sauce etc. Peanut butter, chocolate spread, custard, condensed milk

Men's deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, aftershave, shower gel, razors (not disposable)

Pasta, coffee, teabags, fruit squash, sugar, cereal, porridge oats

Please also see our gift list <https://amzn.eu/03FdsjI4>

We'd love you to join us at
Woodley Baptist Church's

SUNDAY MORNING **CAFÉ CHURCH**

10am to 11.45am

Refreshments served from 10am. The service starts at 10:15am.
Drinks and pastries will be served all through the morning. Families welcome.

27 SEPT

PHILIPPIANS - REDISCOVERING THE GOSPEL

► **FOUNDATIONS NEW SERIES**

18 OCT

FOUNDATIONS – FIVE TRUTHS THAT STILL STAND

29 NOV

FOUNDATIONS - FINALE - SO WHAT?

Café Church is aimed at fostering a sense of community and engagement within the church. We hope that people will learn from each other and feel able to contribute as we discuss Biblical topics and encourage each other in our walk with the Lord.

Please note that Café Church services are not live-streamed.

**KIDS
CHURCH**

will run for 10's
and under

**WANT TO KNOW
MORE ABOUT
CHRISTIANITY?**

**TIME TO
CHAT &
EXPLORE**

**YOUTH
TABLE**

to join in with the
Café Church



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